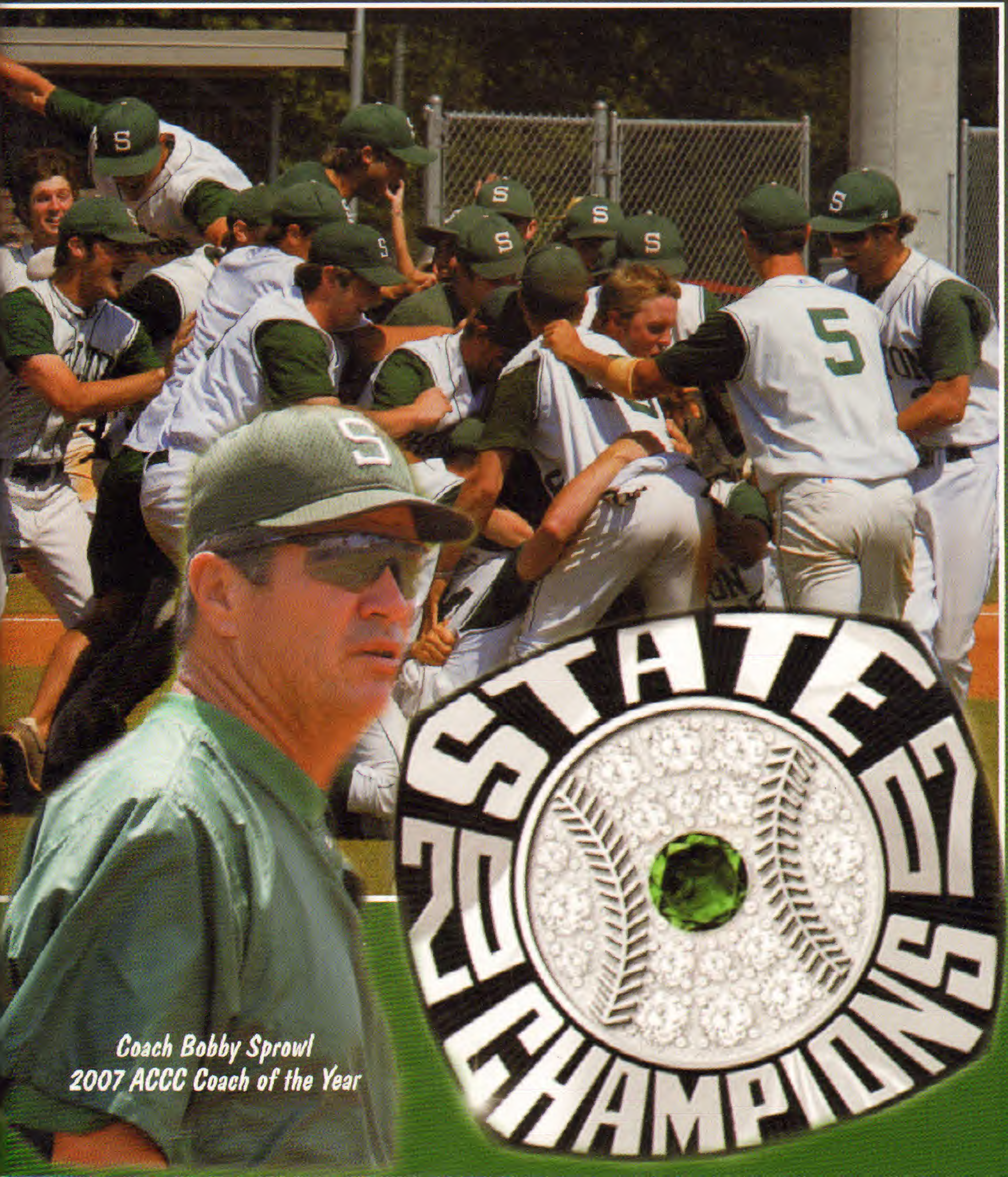


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SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY

Location: Tuscaloosa, Alabama
 Founded: 1979
 Enrollment: 7,000
 Nickname/Mascot: Buccaneers
 Colors: Green and White
 Conference/Affiliation: National Junior College Athletic Association
 President: Dr. Mark Heinrich

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Bobby Sprowl (Alabama, 1977)
 Record at Shelton: 575-361 (.614), 17 seasons
 State Tournament Appearances: 16
 World Series Appearances: 1
 Assistant Coach: Brett Kimbrell
 Trainer: David Nix
 Manager: Campbell Ogletree

2007 REVIEW

Overall Record: 46-17
 Home: 19-3
 Away: 15-5
 Neutral: 12-9
 Conference Record: 24-6
 Home: 13-2
 Away: 11-4
 Conference Finish: 1st
 Postseason Play: JUCO World Series
 Final Ranking: State Champions & 5th Finish World Series

HISTORY

All-Time Record: 694-468 (.597)
 All-Time Conference Record: 329-175 (.653)
 State Tournament Appearances: 17
 State Titles: 1
 World Series Appearances: 1
 World Series Titles: none

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2008 ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Justin Bussey	RHP/INF	R/R	5'11	165	So	Dora, AL (Dora)
2	Frank Mitchell	LHP/OF	L/L	6'0	190	So.	Brent, AL (Bibb County)
3	Greg Guy	OF	L/L	5'11	165	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, AL (Hillcrest)
4	Tyler Horne	INF	R/R	6'3	200	So.	Newnan, GA (Newnan)
5	Clay Jones	C/INF	R/R	6'2	215	So.	Brent, AL (Bibb County)
6	Russ Tibbs	INF	R/R	5'9	160	So.	Hueytown, AL (Hueytown)
7	Justin Diliberto	INF/OF	R/R	5'8	155	Fr.	Hoover, AL (Spain Park)
8	Cal Tinsley	OF	R/R	5'10	170	So.	Tuscaloosa, AL (Hillcrest)
9	Wallace Drury	OF	R/R	6'0	190	So.	Greensboro, AL (Southern Academy)
10	J.J. Baswell	C	L/R	6'0	200	Fr.	Millport, AL (South Lamar)
11	Dennis Blevins	RHP	R/R	6'1	170	So.	Stevenson, AL (North Jackson)
12	Jonathan Smart	LHP	L/L	6'1	165	So.	Tuscaloosa, AL (Bryant)
13	Carl Hanson	C	R/R	5'10	185	Fr.	Tampa, FL (King)
14	Adam Scott	RHP	R/R	6'2	185	So.	Hueytown, AL (Hueytown)
15	Josh Elledge	INF	R/R	5'8	165	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, AL (Bryant)
16	Caleb McLeod	LHP	R/L	6'2	185	So.	Pleasant Grove, AL (Pleasant Grove)
17	Daniel Hall	RHP	R/R	6'1	185	So.	Tuscaloosa, AL (Hillcrest)
18	Greg Hendrix	LHP	L/L	6'4	185	So.	Atlanta, GA (North Atlanta)
20	Matt Wolfenbarger	RHP	R/R	5'10	185	Fr.	Northport, AL (Northside)
21	Justin Hollis	RHP	R/R	6'0	205	So.	Selma, AL (Dallas County)
22	Corbett Proctor	OF	R/R	6'1	190	So.	Tallahassee, FL (Leon)
23	Michael Burchfield	INF	L/R	6'4	205	So.	Tallahassee, FL (MacLay)
24	Brett Whitaker	INF/RHP	R/R	5'11	195	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, AL (Northridge)
25	Brandon Bearden	OF	R/R	5'11	190	Fr.	Gadsden, AL (Hokes Bluff)
26	Eric Deese	INF/RHP	R/R	6'0	165	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, AL (Tuscaloosa County)
27	Taylor Brown	LHP	L/L	5'11	185	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, AL (Hillcrest)
28	Chris Anderson	RHP	R/R	6'0	180	Fr.	Ider, AL (Ider)
29	Chris Frias	RHP	R/R	6'1	185	So.	Birmingham, AL (Springville)
34	Canon McDonald	LHP	R/L	6'0	205	Fr.	Centreville, AL (Bibb County)
44	Dylan DeGross	C	R/R	6'2	230	Fr.	Harwich, MA (Harwich)

Head Coach: Bobby Sprowl
Assistant Coach: Brett Kimbrel
Trainer: David Nix
Manager: Campbell Ogletree



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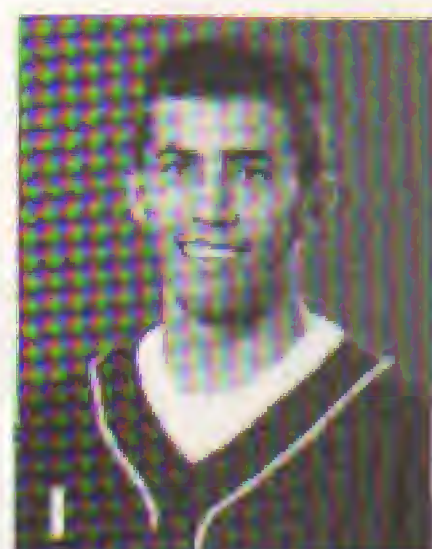
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INF • So.



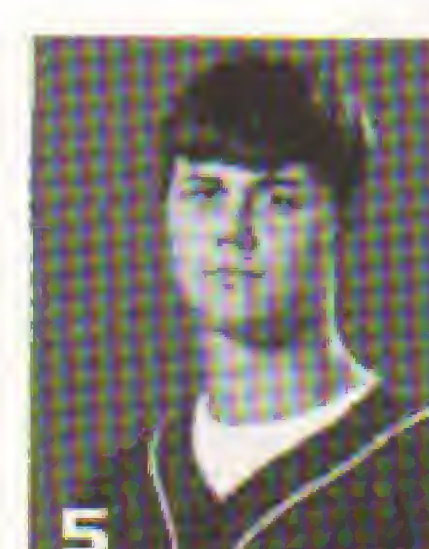
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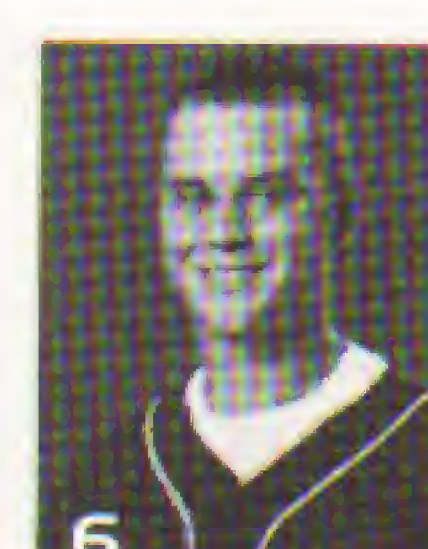
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6 RUSS TIBBS
2B • So.



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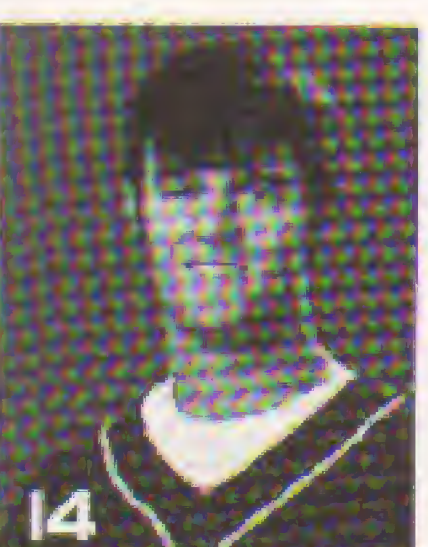
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RHP • So.



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LHP • So.



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C • Fr.



14 ADAM SCOTT
RHP • So.



15 JOSH ELLEDGE
INF • Fr.



16 CALEB MCLEOD
LHP • So.



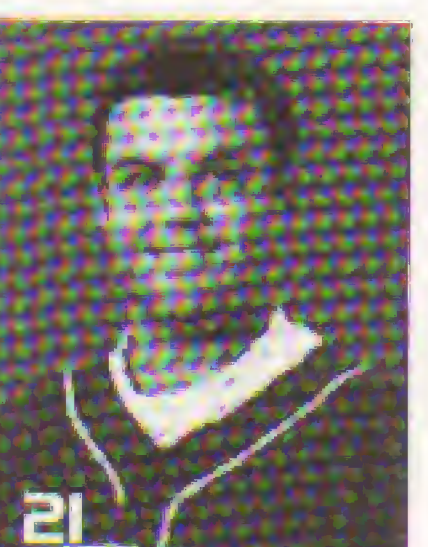
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LHP • So.



19 MATT WOLFENBARGER
RHP • Fr.



20 JUSTIN HOLLIS
RHP • So.



21 CORBETT PROCTOR
OF • So.



22 MICHAEL BURCHFIELD
1B • So.



23 BRETT WHITAKER
RHP/1B • Fr.



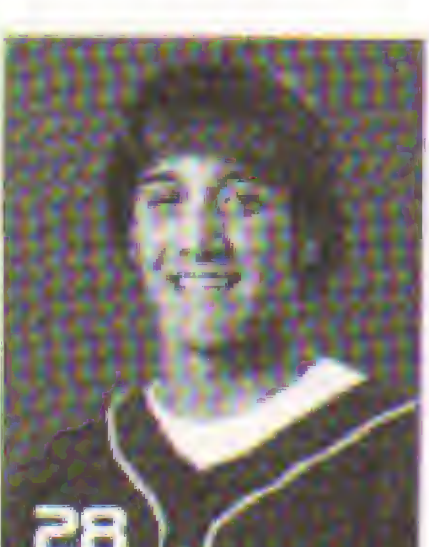
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OF • Fr.



25 ERIC DEESE
RHP/INF • Fr.



26 TAYLOR BROWN
LHP • Fr.



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RHP • Fr.



28 CHRIS FRIAS
RHP • So.



29 CANON McDONALD
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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Fri, Feb 1	Alabama Southern	Monroeville	1:00PM
Sun, Feb 3	ALABAMA SOUTHERN	Shelton State	2:00PM
Fri, Feb 8	SW Tennessee	Niceville, FL	11:00AM
Sat, Feb 9	Cleveland State	Niceville, FL	3:00PM
Sun, Feb 10	Okaloosa-Walton	Niceville, FL	1:00PM
Wed, Feb 13	Okaloosa-Walton	Niceville, FL	2:00PM
Thu, Feb 14	Gulf Coast	Panama City, FL	5:00PM
Fri, Feb 15	Truett-McConnell	Panama City, FL	4:00PM
Sat, Feb 16	Gulf Coast	Panama City, FL	2:00PM
Sun, Feb 17	Gulf Coast	Panama City, FL	1:00PM
Tue, Feb 19	Wallace-Selma	Selma	1:00PM
Fri, Feb 22	Tallahassee CC	Tallahassee, FL	3:30PM
Sat, Feb 23	Tallahassee CC	Tallahassee, FL	2:00PM
Sun, Feb 24	Tallahassee CC	Tallahassee, FL	2:00PM
Tue, Feb 26	MERIDIAN CC	Shelton State	2:00PM
Fri, Feb 29	*Jeff State	Birmingham	1:00PM
Sat, Mar 1	*Jeff State (DH)	Birmingham	12:00PM
Tue, Mar 4	Meridian CC	Meridian, MS	2:00PM
Fri, Mar 7	*NORTHWEST SHOALS	Shelton State	6:00PM
Sat, Mar 8	*NORTHWEST SHOALS (DH)	Shelton State	2:00PM
Thur, Mar 13	*Wallace-Hanceville	Hanceville	6:00PM
Sat, Mar 15	*Wallace-Hanceville (DH)	Hanceville	2:00PM
Tue, Mar 18	WALLACE-SELMA	Shelton State	2:00PM
Fri, Mar 21	*LAWSON STATE	Shelton State	6:00PM
Sat, Mar 22	*LAWSON STATE (DH)	Shelton State	2:00PM
Mon, Mar 24	Wallace-Dothan	Montgomery	1:00PM
Fri, Mar 28	*Marion Institute	Marion	1:00PM
Sat, Mar 29	*Marion Institute (DH)	Marion	12:00PM
Tue, Apr 1	Birmingham Southern	Birmingham	4:00PM
Fri, Apr 4	*GADSDEN STATE	Shelton State	3:00PM
Sat, Apr 5	*GADSDEN STATE (DH)	Shelton State	2:00PM
Tue, Apr 8	CENTRAL ALABAM	Shelton State	4:00PM
Fri, Apr 11	*Calhoun	Decatur	2:00PM
Sat, Apr 12	*Calhoun (DH)	Decatur	1:00PM
Wed, Apr 16	BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN	Shelton State	6:00PM
Fri, Apr 18	*BEVILL-SUMITON	Shelton State	6:00PM
Sat, Apr 19	*BEVILL-SUMITON (DH)	Shelton State	2:00PM
Tue, Apr 22	Marion Institute	Marion	2:00PM
Fri, Apr 25	*Snead State	Boaz	1:00PM
Sat, Apr 26	*Snead State (DH)	Boaz	12:00PM
Mon, Apr 28	Marion Institute	Shelton State	6:00PM
Tue, Apr 29	Central Alabama	Alex City	4:00PM
Fri, May 2	*BEVILL-FAYETTE	Shelton State	6:00PM
Sat, May 3	*BEVILL-FAYETTE (DH)	Shelton State	2:00PM

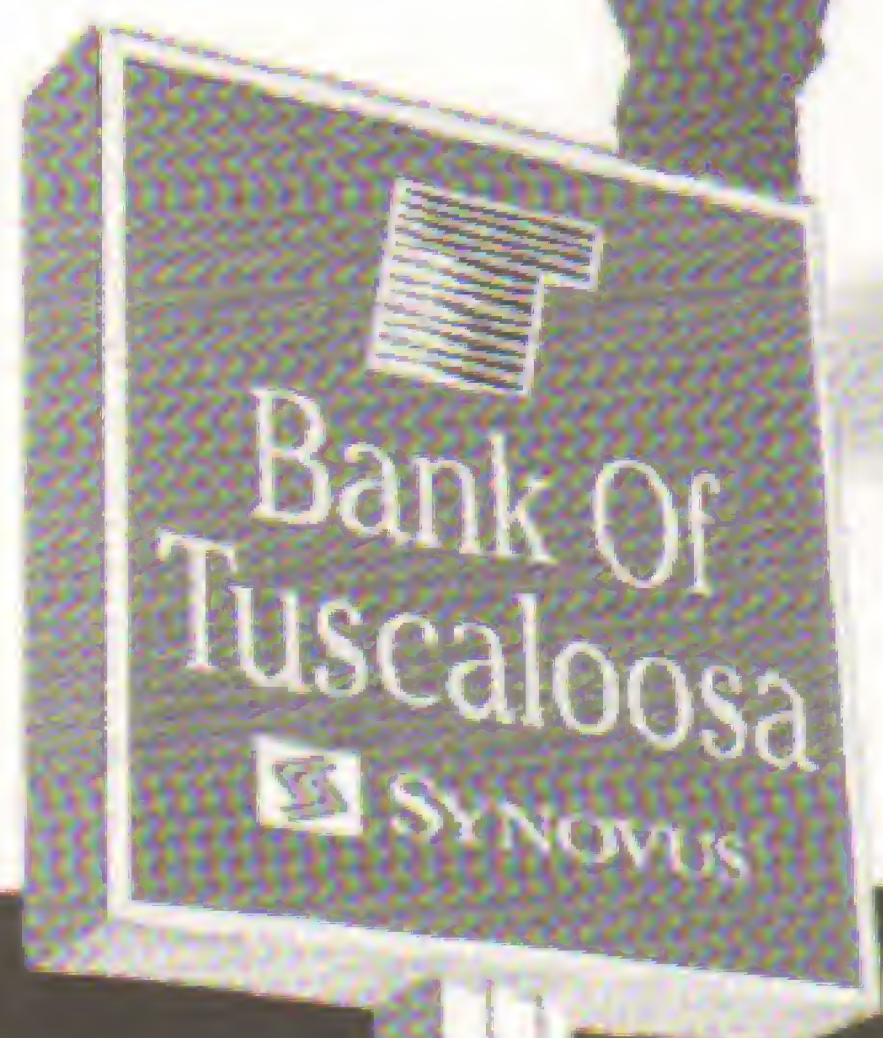
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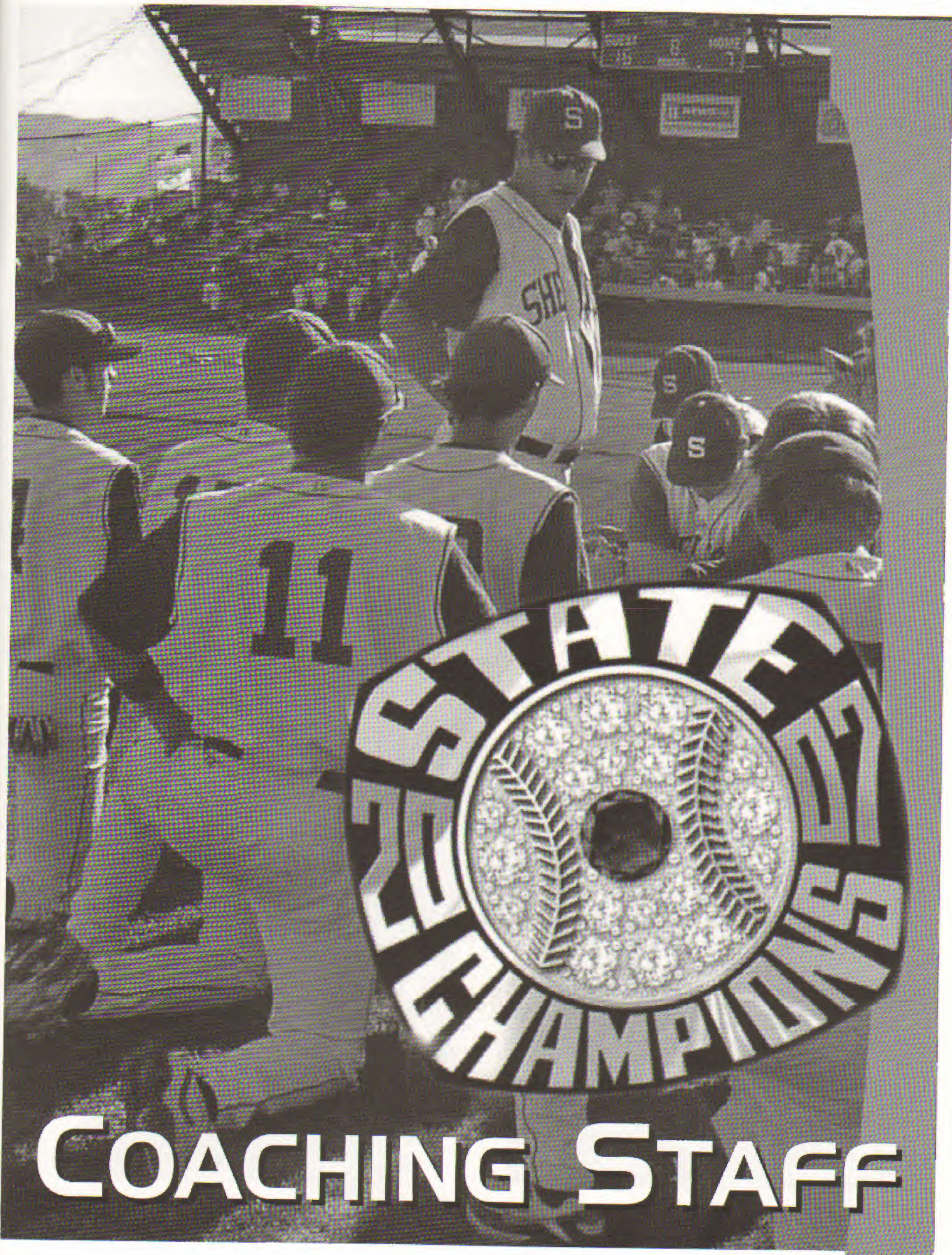


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COACHING STAFF

Having led Shelton State to its first State baseball title in school history a year ago, head coach Bobby Sprowl has infused the Buccaneer baseball program with a new sense of pride, confidence and purpose.

HEAD COACH BOBBY SPROWL

Wherever Shelton head baseball coach Bobby Sprowl goes, success is sure to follow. Sprowl, who was named the 2007 ACCC State Coach of the Year, has dramatically changed the landscape of baseball at Shelton State.

Sprowl, now entering his eighteenth season at the helm of the Buccaneer baseball program, has directed the program into one of the top notch programs in the state. Shelton rewrote the record books during an historic 2007 campaign, racking up a school-record 46 wins and notching the first ACCC State Championship in the school history.

Coach Sprowl has fashioned a .575-.361 (0.614) worksheet in his tenure as the Bucs skipper. Since taking over the Shelton State baseball program, Sprowl has averaged just over 33 wins a season and made state playoff appearances in 17 out of his 18 seasons.

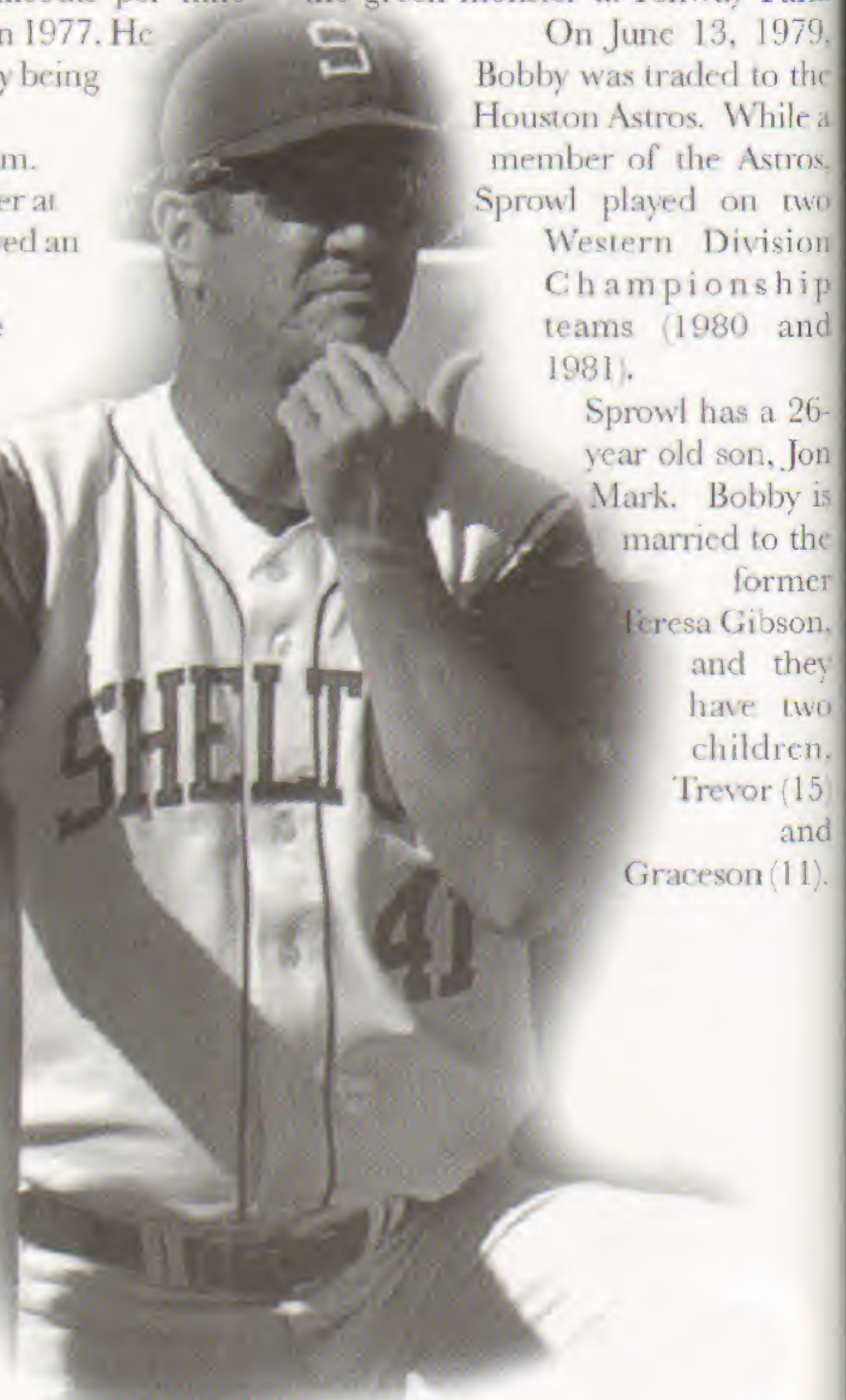
Coach Sprowl enjoyed a fine college career at the University of Alabama, recognized as a second team All-American and consensus All-SEC in 1977. His 11.50 strikeouts per nine inning led the NCAA in 1977. He was recently honored by being named to the Crimson Tide's All-Century Team.

After his college career at Alabama, Sprowl enjoyed an eight year professional baseball career with the Boston Red Sox and the Houston Astros. Sprowl, who was the number two pick of the Boston Red Sox in the June 1977 free agent draft, was a member of the 1978 team

that lost a one-game American League Eastern Division playoff to the New York Yankees on Bucky Dent's famous three-run homer over the green monster at Fenway Park.

On June 13, 1979, Bobby was traded to the Houston Astros. While a member of the Astros, Sprowl played on two Western Division Championship teams (1980 and 1981).

Sprowl has a 26-year old son, Jon Mark. Bobby is married to the former Teresa Gibson, and they have two children, Trevor (15) and Graceson (11).



BRETT KIMBREL

ASSISTANT COACH • FOURTH SEASON



In just three seasons, Shelton State baseball assistant coach Brett Kimbrel has helped to dramatically change the landscape of the Buccaneer baseball program. Kimbrel, who brought his hitting and batting expertise to Shelton, is entering his fourth season as assistant coach for Shelton.

Kimbrel had a big hand in turning around the Shelton baseball program and helping to claim the school's first ACCC State Title. The 2007 campaign saw the Bucs win a school-record 46 games and participate in the school's first NJCAA JUCO World Series.

Widely known in the college and high school ranks as a tireless and aggressive batting coach and instructor, Kimbrel's past coaching stops include student assistant for the University of Alabama, batting coach/instructor for Chipola Junior College in Marianna, Florida, Tuscaloosa Academy and Holt High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He has coached several professional players, most notably Tyler Redman, who is with the Baltimore Orioles. Kimbrel's responsibilities at Shelton include hitting instruction and working with the infielders.

Kimbrel is married to the former Denise Hubbard. They have two sons Brett (21) and Blake (18).

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CHRIS ANDERSON 28
6-0 • 180 • Fr. • R/R • RHP
Idler, Al (Idler)

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year letterman at Ider High School ... His senior year he helped Ider reach the 1st round of the state playoffs.

PERSONAL

Born on August 10, 1989 ... Parents are Scottie and Beth Anderson ... Has one sister, Mcagan Anderson ... Plans to finish college with a degree in Electrical Engineering and work at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville.



BRANDON BEARDEN 25
5-11 • 190 • Fr. • R/R • OF
Gadsden, Al. (Hokes Bluff)

HIGH SCHOOL

5-year starter on the varsity at Hokes Bluff High School ... Won 4 state championships ... Chosen All-State Junior and Senior years ... Hold the school single season homerun record (18) ... Selected by ASWA as 3A Player of the Year his senior year.

PERSONAL

Born on August 6, 1989 ... Parents are Scott and Colleen Bearden ... Has 2 siblings, Blake Bearden and Brittany Griffin ... Favorite professional team is the Atlanta Braves and favorite player is Jeff Francuer.



J.J. BASWELL 10
5-11 • 200 • RS-Fr. • L/R • C
Millport, Al. (South Lamar)

2007

Highly touted high school catcher recruited by Alabama ... Knee injury forced him to miss the entire fall last season and kept him from seeing action during last season ... After being redshirted at UA, he decided to transfer to Shelton State.

HIGH SCHOOL

2006 graduate of South Lamar High School ... 5-year starter ... 2006 Columbus (Miss.) Commercial Dispatch Player of the Year ... 2006 Tuscaloosa News Super 10 High School ... Birmingham News and Alabama Sports Writers First-team All-State.

PERSONAL

Born on February 11, 1988 ... Parents are Glenn & Jan Baswell ... Has one sister, Jamie ... Enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.



DENNIS BLEVINS 11
6-1 • 170 • So. • R/R • RHP
Stevenson, Al. (North Jackson)

2007

Appeared in 10 games ... posted a 4.11 ERA in the 15.1 innings pitched.

HIGH SCHOOL

3 year varsity letterman at North Jackson High School ... Played shortshop and pitched.

PERSONAL

Born on June 8, 1988 ... Enjoys playing golf and hunting. Plans to go to Alabama and pursue a degree in Sports Medicine ... Hopes to help lead Shelton to another state championship and trip to the JUCO World Series.



TAYLOR BR
5-11 • 185 • RS-Fr. • L
Tuscaloosa, Al. (H)

2007

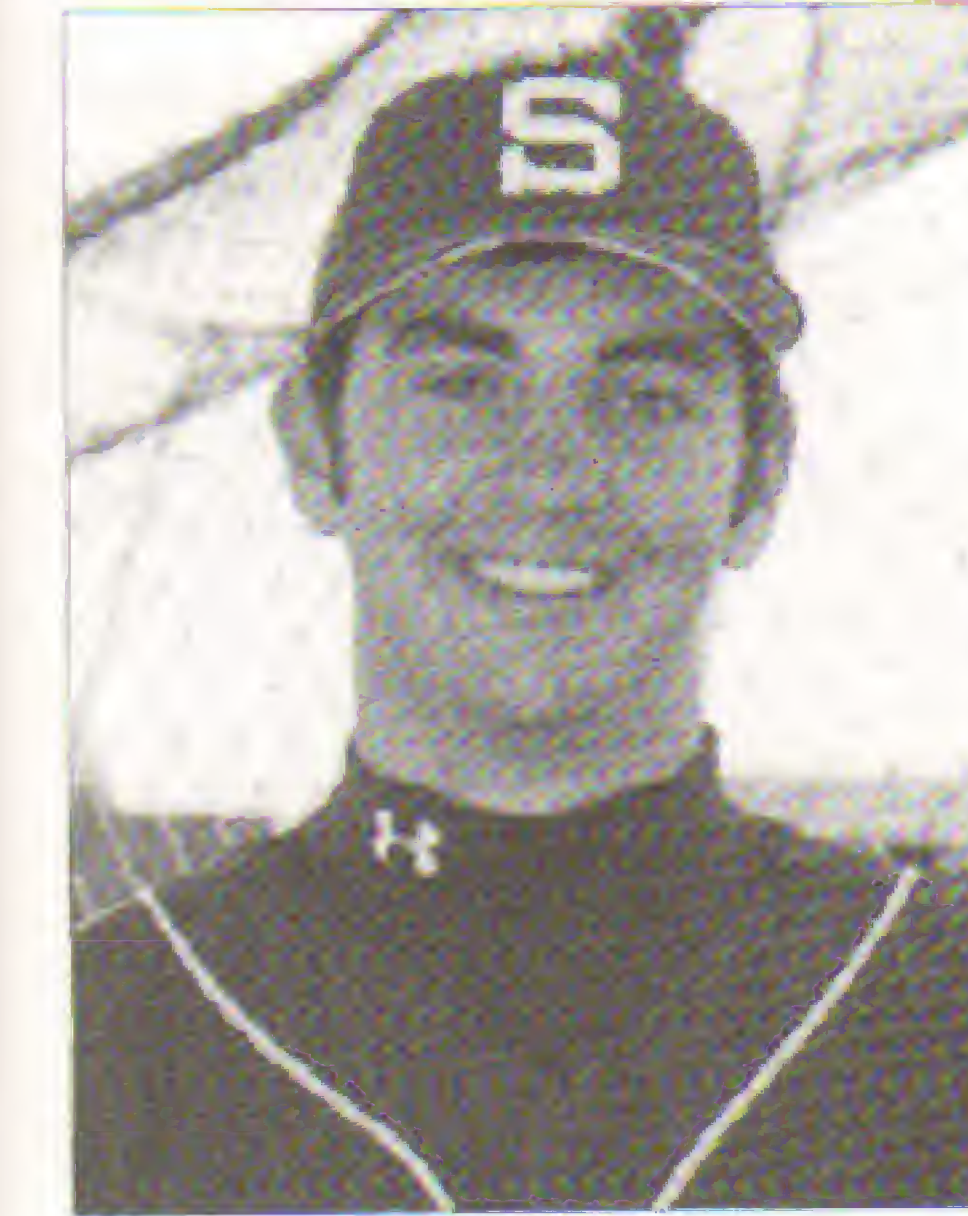
Redshirted season.

HIGH SCHOOL

2-year varsity letterman at Hillcrest High School ... Hillcrest made it to the quarterfinals of the 6A State Summer ball experience include AAU ball and Tuscaloosa.

PERSONAL

Born on April 1, 1988 ... Parents are Gil and Janice ... older sister and 1 younger brother, Braeden ... Enjoys fishing and playing Playstation 3 ... Plans to become coach baseball at the high school level ... Hopes to be Shelton to back-to-back State Championships.



MICHAEL BUR
6-4 • 210 • So. • L

2006

Redshirt at Tallahassee Community College.

2007

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year letterman at Maclay High School ... Batted 1st in his senior year and had a batting average of .333 ... junior season with 5 homeruns ... Second team All-State junior and senior years ... Third team All-State his senior year ... selected to the All-Tournament Team at the Saladina.

PERSONAL

Born on April 26, 1987 ... Enjoys watching movies, fishing, and outdoors ... Hopes to bring Shelton its first JUCO World Series Championship this season.

**TAYLOR BROWN** 27

5-11 • 185 • RS-Fr. • L/L • LHP
Tuscaloosa, Al. (Hillcrest)

2007

Redshirted season.

HIGH SCHOOL

2-year varsity letterman at Hillcrest High School ... His senior year Hillcrest made it to the quarterfinals of the 6A State Playoffs ... Summer ball experience include AAU ball and Tuscaloosa Post 96.

PERSONAL

Born on April 1, 1988 ... Parents are Gil and Janice Brown ... Has 1 older sister and 1 younger brother, Braeden ... Enjoys hunting, fishing and playing Playstation 3 ... Plans to become a teacher and coach baseball at the high school level ... Hopes to help lead Shelton to back-to-back State Championships.

**JUSTIN BUSSEY** 1

5-11 • 165 • So. • R/R • SS
Dora, Al. (Dora)

2007

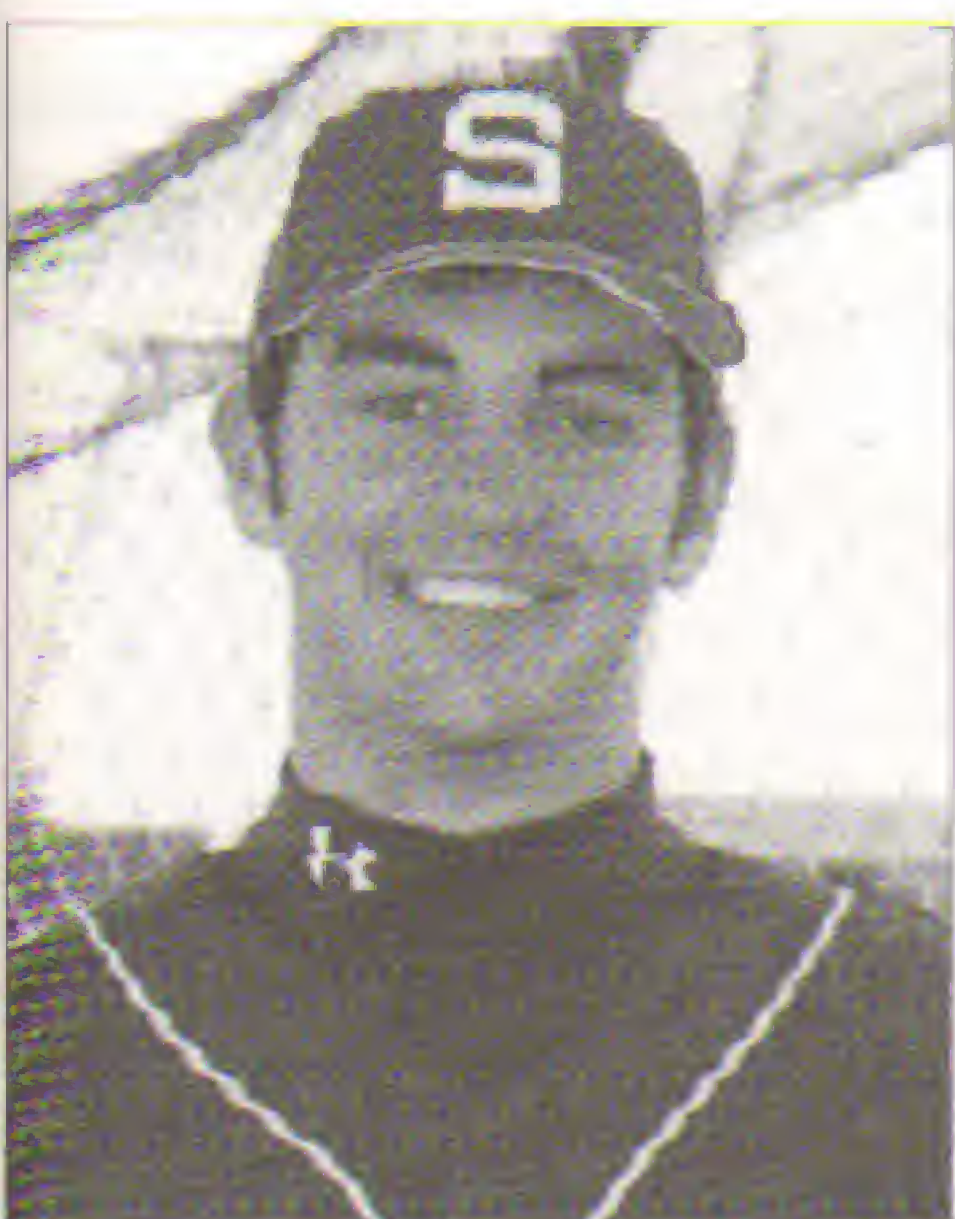
Appeared in 58 games ... started at shortstop957 stolen base percentage, stealing 22 bases on 23 attempts.

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year varsity letterman at Dora High School ... Career batting average of .417 ... Selected to the All-State and All-Metro team ... Daily Mountain Eagle Player of the Year in 2006 ... Set Dora High School records for hits in a season (67), career games played (167), career hits (213), career stolen bases (89), career at bats (440) and career wins as a player (106).

PERSONAL

Born on May 14, 1988 ... Enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends ... Future plans include pursuing a career in pharmacy and playing Division 1 baseball in the SEC.

**MICHAEL BURCHFIELD** 23

6-4 • 210 • So. • L/R • 1B

2006

Redshirt at Tallahassee Community College.

2007**HIGH SCHOOL**

4-year letterman at Maclay High School ... Batted .509 with 7 homeruns his senior year and had a batting average of .479 his junior season with 5 homeruns ... Second team All Big Bend his junior and senior years ... Third team All-State his senior year and selected to the All-Tournament Team at the Saladino Tournament.

PERSONAL

Born on April 26, 1987 ... Enjoys watching movies, reading and the outdoors ... Hopes to bring Shelton its first JUCO World Series Championship this season.

**ERIC DEESE** 26

6-0 • 165 • Fr. • R/R • RHP/IF
Tuscaloosa, Al. (Tuscaloosa County)

HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Tuscaloosa County High School ... His positions included second base and pitcher ... Voted Defense Player of the Year his sophomore year ... Selected as Team Captain his senior year.

PERSONAL

Born on December 12, 1988 ... Parents are Nick and Heidi Deese ... Has an older brother, Kevin Deese, who plays baseball for UWA and one younger sister, Lauren Deese ... Enjoys hunting and fishing ... Plans on pursuing a degree in business.



DYLAN DEGROFF 44
6-1 • 230 • Fr. • R/R • C
Harwich, Ma. (Harwich)

HIGH SCHOOL

3-year varsity letterman at Harwich High School ... Part of their back to back State Championship teams in 2006 and 2007 ... Selected All-League and All-Region his junior and senior years ... Senior year batted .436 with 4 homeruns and 32 RBI's.

PERSONAL

Born on November 19, 1988 ... Hopes to help Shelton win another State Championship and eventually move on to a Division I school.



WALLACE DRURY 9
6-0 • 195 • So. • R/R • OF
Greensboro, Al. (Southern Academy)

2007

Appeared in 19 games where he played in the outfield ... Part of the 2007 team that won the state championship and went on to a 5th place finish in the nation at the JUCO World Series.

HIGH SCHOOL

Lead his team to the Final Four in 2005 and the second round in 2006 ... Led the team in homeruns and batting average his junior and senior years ... AISA All-Star senior year.

PERSONAL

Born December 14, 1987 ... Parents are Wallace and Anne Drury ... One sister, Leah ... Plans to attend the University of Alabama in the fall and pursue a degree in Business ... Enjoys the outdoors, hunting and hanging out with friends and family.



JUSTIN DILIBERTO 7
5-8 • 155 • Fr. • R/R • IF/OF
Hoover, Al. (Spain Park)

HIGH SCHOOL

3-year varsity starter at Spain Park High School ... Batted .309 with 21 RBI's his senior year ... Selected to the All-Metro and Honorable Mention All-State team ... Attended the 2006 All-Star game in Troy ... Set the school record for stolen bases, while at Spain Park.

PERSONAL

Born July 25, 1989 ... Parents Carlo and Rhonda Diliberto ... 1 younger sister, Maria Diliberto (12) ... Hopes to help Shelton make it back to Colorado ... Also hopes to earn a scholarship to an SEC school.



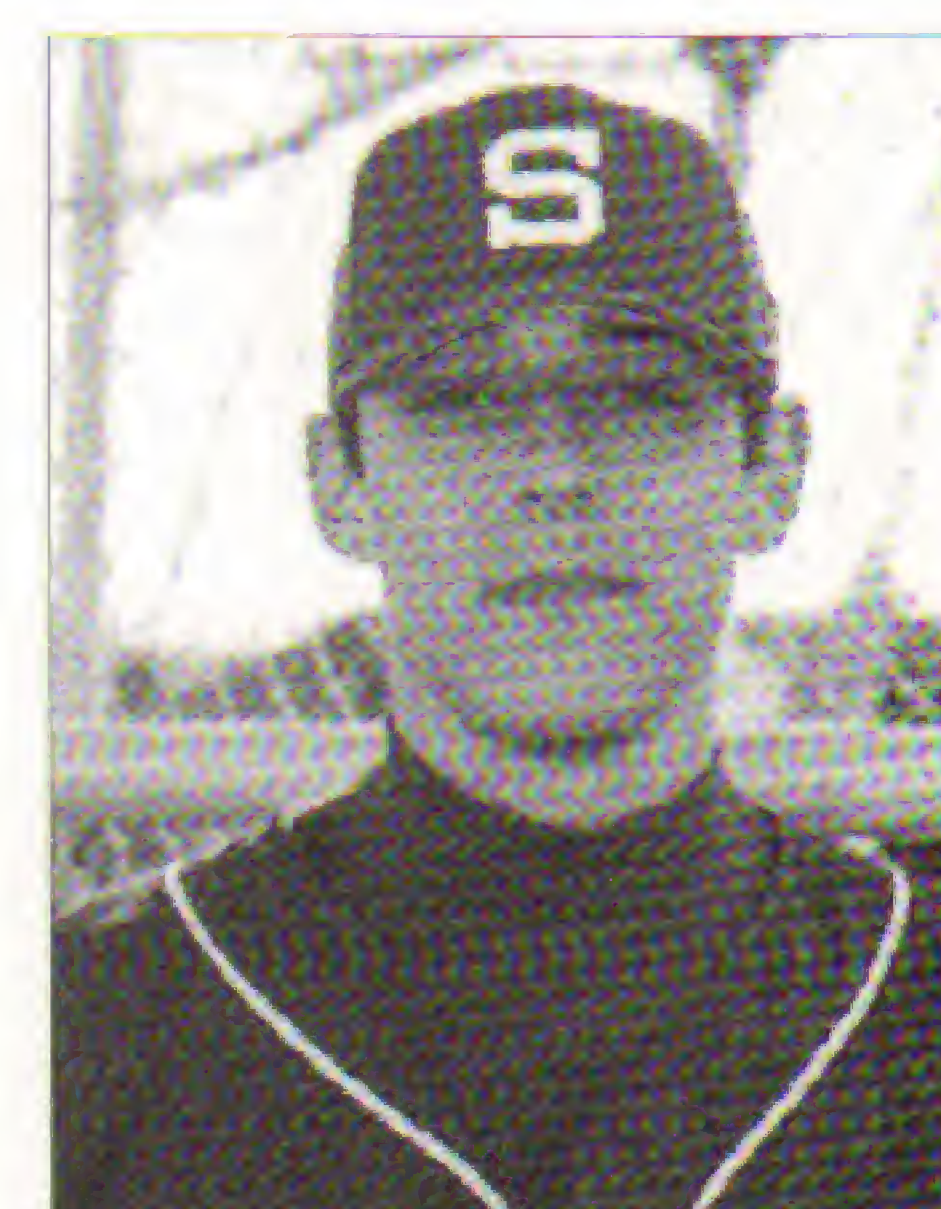
JOSH ELLEDGE 15
5-8 • 165 • Fr. • R/R • INF
Tuscaloosa, Al. (Bryant)

HIGH SCHOOL

Senior season had 9 doubles, 21 walks, 2 homeruns, 30 runs scored, 23 RBI's, and 8 stolen bases ... Selected by teammates as Team Captain and Teammate of the Year.

PERSONAL

Born on December 19, 1988 ... Parents Mike and Charlotte Elledge ... Has 1 older brother, Charles ... Enjoys the opportunity to work in the children's ministry of New Beginnings Family.



CHRIS F
6-1 • 180 • So • R/R • OF
Birmingham, Al.

2006

Played for Beville ... his freshman season.

2007

Transferred to S ... playing one year ... Fayette ... Reds.

HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered 4 years at Springville High School where played outfield.

PERSONAL

Born April 26, 1987 ... Outside of playing baseball sleeping and hanging out ... Plans to pursue a major in communications.



GREG G
5-11 • 165 • RS-F
Tuscaloosa, Al. (Bryant)

2007

Redshirt season.

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year starter at School ... Played ... pitched ... Batted ... Named to the County All-Tournament.

Team ... Led his team in stolen bases as a senior ... 2006 AAU National Tournament All-Tournament ... Birmingham News All-State Baseball Team ... Played for Tuscaloosa Post 96 in 2006 & 2007.

PERSONAL

Born September 2, 1987 ... Parents are Neal and ... all sports and the outdoors ... Plans to attend the University of Alabama and pursue a degree in education and coaching.



CHRIS FRIAS

6-1 • 180 • So. • R/R • RHP
Birmingham, Al. (Springville)

29

2006

Played for Beville State in Fayette his freshman season.

2007

Transferred to Shelton after playing one year at Beville State in Fayette ... Redshirted in 2007.

HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered 4 years at Springville High School where he pitched and played outfield.

PERSONAL

Born April 26, 1987 ... Outside of playing baseball, Chris enjoys sleeping and hanging out ... Plans to pursue a major in communications.



DANIEL HALL

6-1 • 180 • So. • R/R • RHP
Tuscaloosa, Al. (Hillcrest)

17

2007

Pitched in 11 games during the 2007 state championship campaign ... Due to several injuries, he was in and out during the 2007 season.

HIGH SCHOOL

Broke the school record for the most season wins and most career wins at Hillcrest ... Selected to the 2006 All-State Baseball Team.

PERSONAL

Born on March 28, 1988 ... Hopes to further his baseball career after Shelton at a four year college ... Goal for the 2008 season is to win the state championship again and go back to the JUCO World Series.



GREG GUY

5-11 • 165 • RS-Fr. • L/L • OF
Tuscaloosa, Al. (Hillcrest)

3

2007

Redshirt season.

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year starter at Hillcrest High School ... Played outfield and pitched ... Batted .425 senior year ... Named to the 2004 City and County All-Tournament

Team ... Led his team in stolen bases as a senior ... Selected to the 2006 AAU National Tournament All-Tournament Team and 2006 Birmingham News All-State Baseball Team ... Played summer ball for Tuscaloosa Post 96 in 2006 & 2007.

PERSONAL

Born September 2, 1987 ... Parents are Neal and Dana ... Enjoys all sports and the outdoors ... Plans to attend the University of Alabama and pursue a degree in education and a career in coaching.



CARL HANSON

5-10 • 185 • Fr. • R/R • C
Tampa, Fl. (King)

13

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year starter at King High School ... All-County selection his senior year ... Won a District Championship as a junior ... Had perfect fielding record his junior season and made only 1 error his senior season ... Led or was 2nd in every offensive category his senior season.

PERSONAL

Born January 5, 1989 ... Parents are Mike and Kim Hanson ... Has 1 sister Marissa and nephew Gabriel ... Plans to pursue a law degree.



GREG HENDRIX 18

6-4 • 180 • So. • L/L • LHP
Atlanta, GA (North Atlanta)

2007

Compiled 4-1 record ... Struck out 38 batters in 35.2 innings ... Held opponents to .190 batting average ... Played for Athens Pirates in Georgia Collegiate League during summer ... Ranked #4 prospect in league

HIGH SCHOOL

3-year varsity starter ... Voted Pitcher of the Year by teammates ... Recorded 80 strikeouts in 52 innings his senior year ... Batted .436 with 4 homeruns ... Atlanta Journal "All-City" team ... Selected by the Georgia High School Coaches Association to play for the Team Georgia in the Sunbelt Classic in Norman, Oklahoma ... Drafted after high school in the 45th round by the LA Dodgers.

PERSONAL

Born February 17, 1988 ... Parents are Glenn and Lisa Hendrix ... Has 4 younger siblings ... Hopes to help lead Shelton to another state title and trip to the World Series ... Hopes to further his baseball career after completing the 2008 season at Shelton.



JUSTIN HOLLIS 21

6-0 • 205 • So. • R/R • RHP/3B
Selma, Al. (Dallas County)

2005, 2006, & 2007

Came to Shelton in 2005 as a freshman and pitched that season. Redshirted in 2006 and then again in 2007 for medical reasons ... Favorite memory from the 2005 season was his save against LBW during the State Tournament to send the Bucs to the final game.

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year varsity player for Dallas County High School ... Helped lead his team to an Area Championship his senior year ... Selected to play on the East-West All-Star team.

PERSONAL

Born January 15, 1986 ... Future plans include playing baseball at the next level ... Hopes to make it back to Grand Junction for the JUCO World Series.



TYLER HORNE 4

6-3 • 200 • So. • R/R • 3B
Newnan, GA (Newnan)

2007

Appeared in 29 games ... Suffered an injury resulting in Tommy John surgery that rested him for the remainder of the season.

HIGH SCHOOL

Started all 4 years of his high school career on the varsity ... Batted over .400 his junior and senior seasons ... After high school, he signed a football scholarship with UAB ... Received All-State honors in baseball and football.

PERSONAL

Born March 19, 1987 ... Parents are Debbie Horne ... Loves going to church, fishing, reading and just being outside ... Wants to go on to medical school and pursue a career as a Sports Medicine doctor.



CLAY JONES 5

6-2 • 215 • So. • R/R • C/1B
Brent, Al. (Bibb County)

2007

Batted .310 with 53 hits and 38 RBI's ... Selected to the JUCO World Series All-Tournament Team for his performance in the World Series ... Signed during the early signing period with the University of Alabama.

HIGH SCHOOL

4 year starter and team captain at Bibb County High School ... 4A All-State his senior year ... Drafted by the Brewers in the 36th round ... Set the record for career hits at Bibb County.

PERSONAL

Born November 11, 1987 ... Parents are Vicki Jones and the late Steve Jones ... Has one younger brother, Ben Jones ... Enjoys hunting and fishing ... Plans to major in Biology and pursue a career in Physical Therapy.



CANON McDOWELL

6-0 • 205 • Fr. • R/R • 1B
Centreville, Al. (Bibb County)

HIGH SCHOOL

3-year varsity letterman ... Played left field and pitcher ... Helped lead his team to the State Finals where they were runner-up and in the quarterfinals ... Played in senior year.

PERSONAL

Born May 23, 1989 ... Parents are Robert and Marjorie ... Has one sister, Ashton ... Enjoys all sports and all types of hunting ... Hopes to win a State Championship with Shelton and move on to play at the next level ... Wants to pursue a career in the medicine field after college.



CALEB McDOWELL

6-2 • 185 • So. • R/R • 1B
Pleasant Grove, Al. (Bibb County)

2007

Appeared in 18 games ... 9-0 record as a starter ... Finished with 46 strikeouts against the 224 hits ... Made appearances in the JUCO World Series Tournament and named 2nd Team All-Tournament Conference.

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year letterman at Pleasant Grove High School ... named to the Birmingham News 2005 First Team ... Team All-Metro, First Team All-State, Jefferson County Tournament Team and ALBCS Super 100 ... As a senior named All-State Honorable Mention in 2006.

PERSONAL

Born on July 24, 1988 ... Parents are Kenny & Donna ... John and Sharon Grainger ... Loves to hunt and just about everything ... Hopes to win another State Championship and play in the World Series again ... Would like to continue playing baseball his Shelton career is over along with completing his



CANON McDONALD

6-0 • 205 • Fr. • R/L • LHP
Centreville, Al. (Bibb County)

34

HIGH SCHOOL

3-year varsity letterman ... Played left field and pitched ... Helped lead his team to the 2007 5A State Finals where they finished runner-up and in 2006 to the quarterfinals ... Batted .375 his senior year.

PERSONAL

Born May 23, 1989 ... Parents are Robert and Marsha McDonald ... Has one sister, Ashton ... Enjoys all sports and athletics, church and hunting ... Hopes to win a State Championship while at Shelton and move on to play at the next level ... Wants to pursue a career in the medicine field after college.



FRANK MITCHELL

6-0 • 195 • So. • L/L • LHP/OF
Brent, Al. (Bibb County)

2

2007

Appeared in 20 games ... Pitched 35 innings ... Posted a 2-2 record and recorded 30 strikeouts in the 135 batters he faced ... Helped lead Shelton to the 2007 State Championship and 5th place in World Series.

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year letterman at Bibb County High School ... Senior year he hit .388 with 4 homeruns, 37 RBI's, and his pitching record was 11-1 with a .27 ERA with 3 earned runs in 77 innings and 136 strikeouts including 19 against Jemison his junior year ... Also went 65 innings without giving up an earned run his senior year ... Had 373 career strikeouts ... Named 1st Team All-State, 4A Player of the Year in West Alabama and was named Super 10 by the Tuscaloosa News his senior year.

PERSONAL

Born September 30, 1987 ... Enjoys hanging out with his teammates ... Hopes to win another State Championship & go back to the World Series.



CALEB MCLEOD

6-2 • 185 • So. • R/L • LHP
Pleasant Grove, Al. (Pleasant Grove)

16

2007

Appeared in 18 games ... Posted a 9-0 record as a true freshman ... Finished with 46 strikeouts against the 224 batters he faced ... Made appearances in the State Tournament and World Series ... Named 2nd Team All-Conference.

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year letterman at Pleasant Grove High School ... As a pitcher, named to the Birmingham News 2005 First Team All-County, First Team All-Metro, First Team All-State, Jefferson County All-Tournament Team and ALBCS Super 100 ... As a first baseman, named All-State Honorable Mention in 2006.

PERSONAL

Born on July 24, 1988 ... Parents are Kenny & Donna McLeod and John and Sharon Grainger ... Loves to hunt and just hanging out ... Hopes to win another State Championship and play in the JUCO World Series again ... Would like to continue playing baseball after his Shelton career is over along with completing his degree.



CORBETT PROCTOR

6-1 • 190 • So. • R/R • OF
Tallahassee, Fl. (Leon)

22

2007

Started in right field ... Appeared in 49 games where he batted .309 with a team high 4 triples.

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year starter at Leon High School ... Batted .460 his senior year ... Named All Big Bend Team in 2006 ... Played in the 2006 18 and under National Championship in Walt Disney where he was named to the All-Tournament Team in the National Championship ... Named MVP and Most Offensive Player on his high school team his senior year.

PERSONAL

Born on March 4, 1987 ... Parents are Brian & Ginger Proctor and Bobby and Anne Jolley Byrd ... Enjoys hanging out with friends and family and the outdoors ... Hopes to help lead Shelton to another State Championship and move on to play D-1 baseball after Shelton.



ADAM SCOTT 14
6-3 • 190 • So. • R/R • RHP
Hueytown, Al. (Hueytown)

2007

Appeared in 29 games ... Pitched 52 innings ... Posted 64 strikeouts in the 211 batters he faced ... Pitched in the State Tournament where he was named to the All-Tournament Team ... Signed early with the University of Alabama.

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year varsity letterman at Hueytown High School ... Currently holds the school record for most at bats in a season and most career wins ... Tied the school record for wins in a season ... Named All-Metro in 2006 by the Birmingham News and Alabama Sports Writers.

PERSONAL

Born January 4, 1988 ... Parents are Tommy & Donna Scott ... Has 2 younger brothers, Alex (14) and Austin (10) ... Hopes to win another state championship this year.



JONATHAN SMART 12
6-1 • 165 • So. • L/L • LHP
Tuscaloosa, Al. (Bryant)

- * North Division Player of the Year
- * 1st Team All-American
- * 1st Team All-State

2007

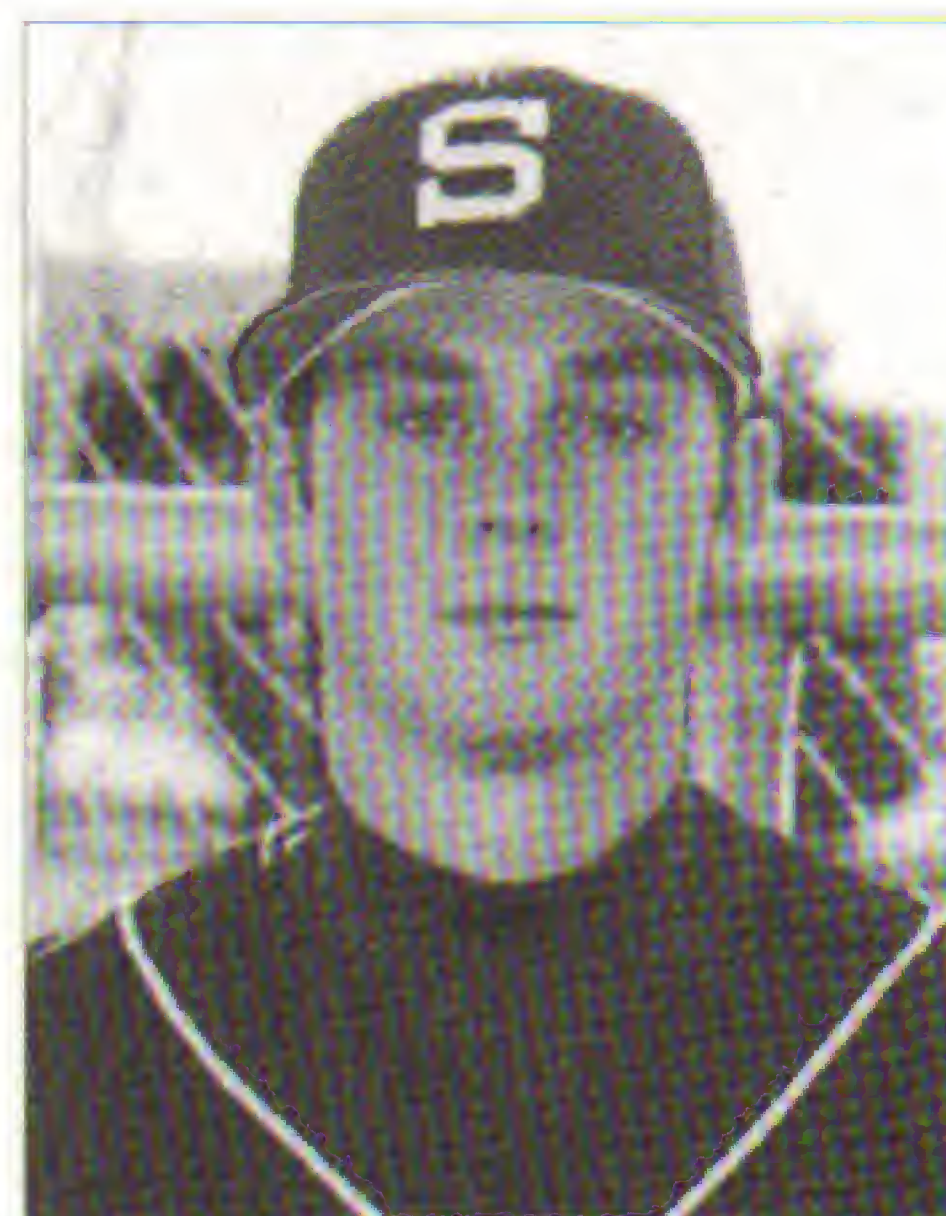
Started in 17 games ... Pitched 102 innings ... Led the state with a 1.76 ERA ... Named All-Tournament Team for his performance in the State Tournament ... Signed early with Alabama.

HIGH SCHOOL

4-year varsity letterman at Bryant High School ... Senior year, he was selected Outstanding Varsity Defensive Player ... Selected to play on the East-West All-Star Team ... Played summer ball on the American Legion Post 34 Team ... Favorite memories was being a part of the 2005 State Champion team for American Legion Post 34.

PERSONAL

Born October 17, 1987 ... Parents are David & Anita Smart ... Enjoys playing golf, hunting and fishing ... Signed early with the University of Alabama where he will further his baseball career and finish his degree in Business.



RUSS TIBBS 6
5-9 • 160 • So. • R/R • 2B
Hueytown, Al. (Hueytown)

2007

Appeared in 40 games with fifteen starts ... Utility player who served as back-up second baseman during the 2007 campaign ... Saw action in the JUCO World Series where he started in three games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played varsity baseball for Hueytown High School and Coach Rick Patterson for 3 years ... Set the school and Jefferson County record for runs scored (72) and set the school record and tied the Jefferson County record for doubles (22). Selected to the All-Metro and All-State baseball team by the Birmingham News and Alabama Sports Writers Association.

PERSONAL

Born June 2, 1988 ... Parents are Robby & Denise Tibbs and Johnny & Julie Kelly ... Has 1 brother, Rob (25), 4 step-brothers, Allen (23), Jake (20), David (14) and Evan (16) and 2 step-sisters, Rachel (25) and Claire (14) ... Enjoys hunting, fishing and hanging out with friends ... Hopes to finish his college degree at Alabama.



CAL TINSLEY 8
5-10 • 170 • So. • R/R • CF
Tuscaloosa, Al. (Hillcrest)

2007

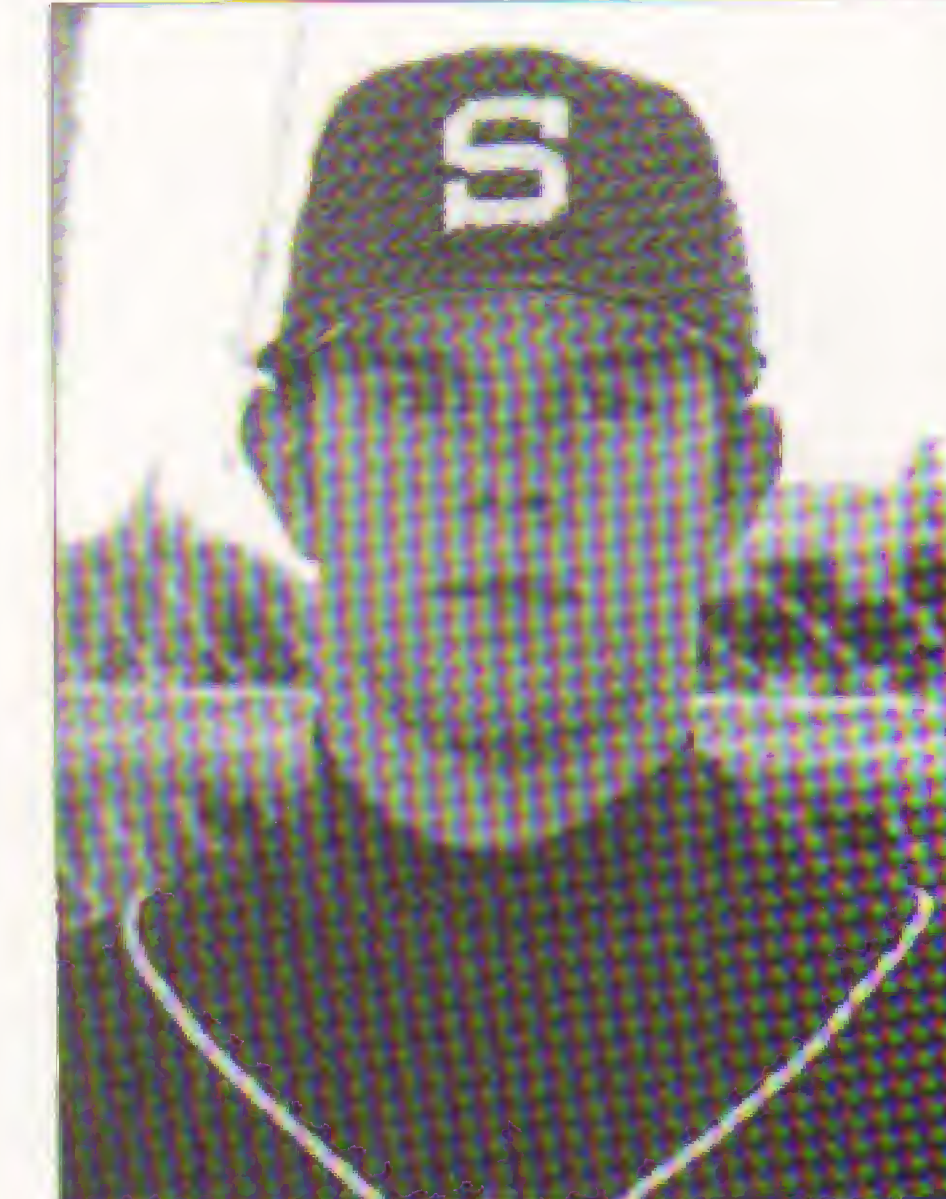
Appeared in 36 games where he mostly played back-up in the outfield ... Batted .325 ... Known for his base running ability where he had 6 stolen bases on 7 attempts.

HIGH SCHOOL

Team captain his junior and senior years ... Set records for career hits (95), season hits (62), season runs scored (54), season doubles (17) and career runs scored (85) ... Baseball took him to the Dominican Republic in 2005 where he played and served on a mission team ... Also played in tournaments in Alaska and Omaha, NE with American Legion Post 34 where they brought home championships ... Selected MVP in the State Championship game of the American Legion State Tournament.

PERSONAL

Born May 17, 1988 ... Parents are Joe & Donna Tinsley ... Has 1 Brother, Will (17) ... Hopes to one day have a career in physical therapy ... Wants to always be a Christ-like example on and off the field.



BRETT WHITAKER
5-10 • 195 • Fr. • R/R • 1B
Tuscaloosa, Al.

HIGH SCHOOL

Currently hold a season record and is offensive at Northridge School ... Most Valuable Player in Northridge's history under Coach Garret.

Team Player of the Year his junior and senior years ... 5A Player of the Year for West Alabama ... Member of the Tuscaloosa American League Post 34 Team under Coach Garret and traveled during the summer playing baseball.

PERSONAL

Born October 1, 1988 ... Parents are Ronnie and ... Has 1 sister, Chrissy Whitaker O'Bryant ... Plans to continue his baseball career ... Enjoys hunting, playstation 3 and fishing.





BRETT WHITAKER 24

5-10 • 195 • Fr. • R/R • RHP/1B
Tuscaloosa, Al. (Northridge)

HIGH SCHOOL

Currently hold and shares 8 season record and 7 career record offensively at Northridge High School ... Most productive and Most Valuable Offensive Player in Northridge's 5 short year history under Coach McNabb and Coach Garner ... Named

Team Player of the Year his junior and senior seasons ... Named 5A Player of the Year for West Alabama ... Member of the Tuscaloosa American League Post 34 Team under Coach Rushing and traveled during the summer playing baseball.

PERSONAL

Born October 1, 1988 ... Parents are Ronnie and Shirley Whitaker ... Has 1 sister, Chrissy Whitaker O'Bryant ... Plans to attend a 4 year college and pursue a degree in Building Science ... Also hopes to continue his baseball career ... Enjoys hunting, baseball, playstation 3 and fishing.



MATT WOLFENBARGER 20

5-10 • 180 • Fr. • R/R • RHP
Northport, Al. (Northside)

HIGH SCHOOL

5 year varsity player ... Poster 11-1 record senior year with 1 save ... Finished with 1.93 ERA and 70 strikeouts in 69 innings ... Batted .354 ... Finished with a career pitching record of 35-7 with 306 strikeouts ... Named to ASWA All-State Team in 2006 & 2007 ...

West Alabama All-Stars in 2005, 2006 & 2007 ... 2006 3A Player of the Year ... Athletes Foot Player of the Week in 2006 ... Team Captain and Team MVP in 2006.

PERSONAL

Born December 7, 1988 ... Parents are Joe & Stacy Perry and Jimmy and Amy Wolfenbarger ... Has 3 siblings, Ashley Perry and Eric and Haley Wolfenbarger ... Main goal is to get a good education and continue his baseball career as long as possible ... Wants to pursue a degree in secondary education with focus in history and athletics.





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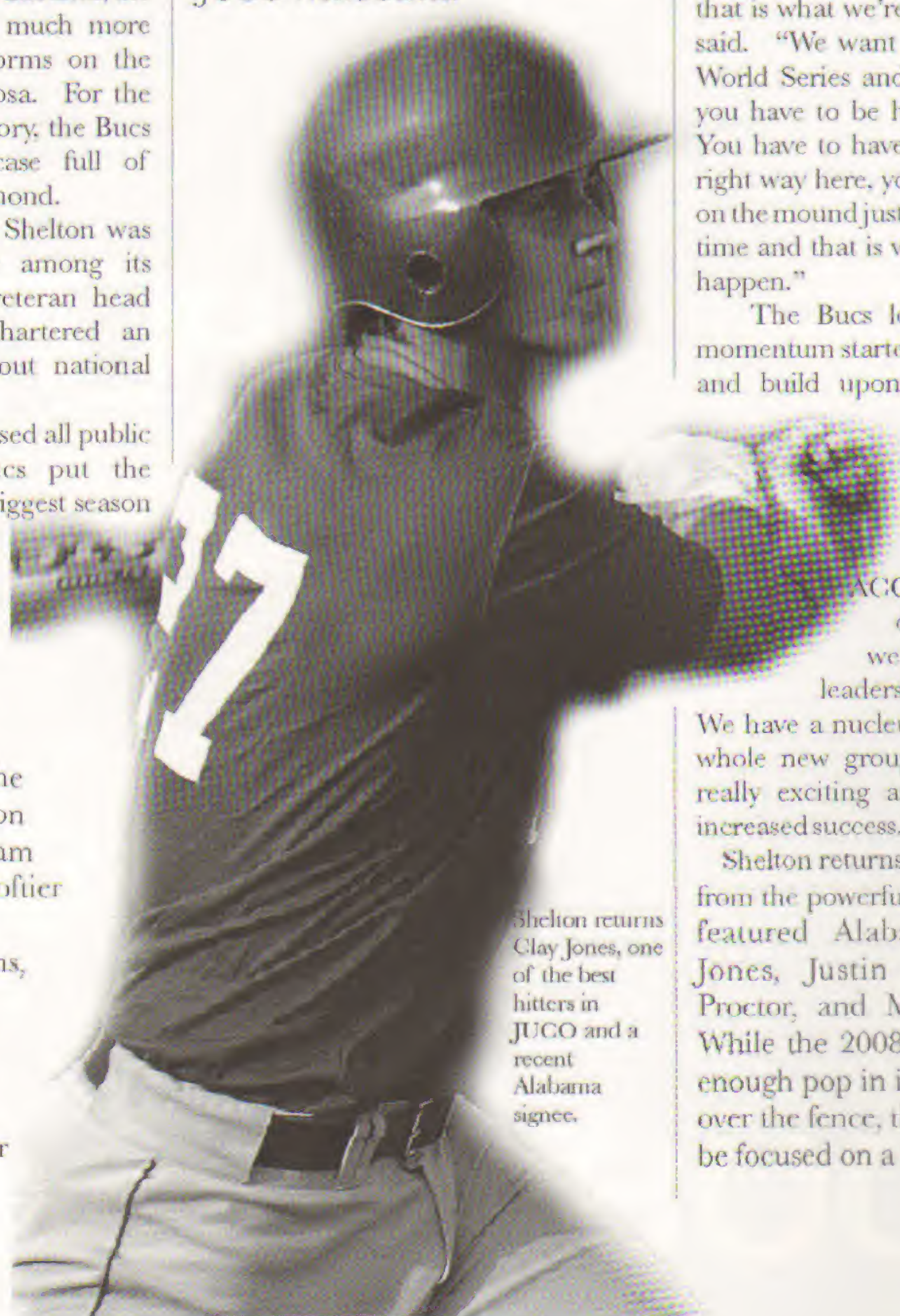
When the Shelton State baseball team opens its 24th season this February in Monroeville, Alabama, the team will have brought much more than its cleats and uniforms on the team's bus from Tuscaloosa. For the first time in program history, the Bucs will be carting a suitcase full of expectations onto the diamond.

Nearly one year ago, Shelton was merely an afterthought among its ACCC brethren, as a veteran head coach Bobby Sprowl chartered an unproven program without national recognition.

The 2007 season surpassed all public expectations as its Bucs put the finishing touches on the biggest season in school history. Shelton claimed the regular season Division title, the first State title in school history and finished 5th in the nation during this historic 2007 campaign.

After the best season in the 24-year history of Shelton State baseball the program sets its sights on higher, loftier goals. With a returning nucleus of tested veterans, powerful bats and fresh-faced talent, the Shelton baseball team appears to have all the necessary ingredients for

another run at the ACCC State title and a berth in the much sought after JUCO World Series.



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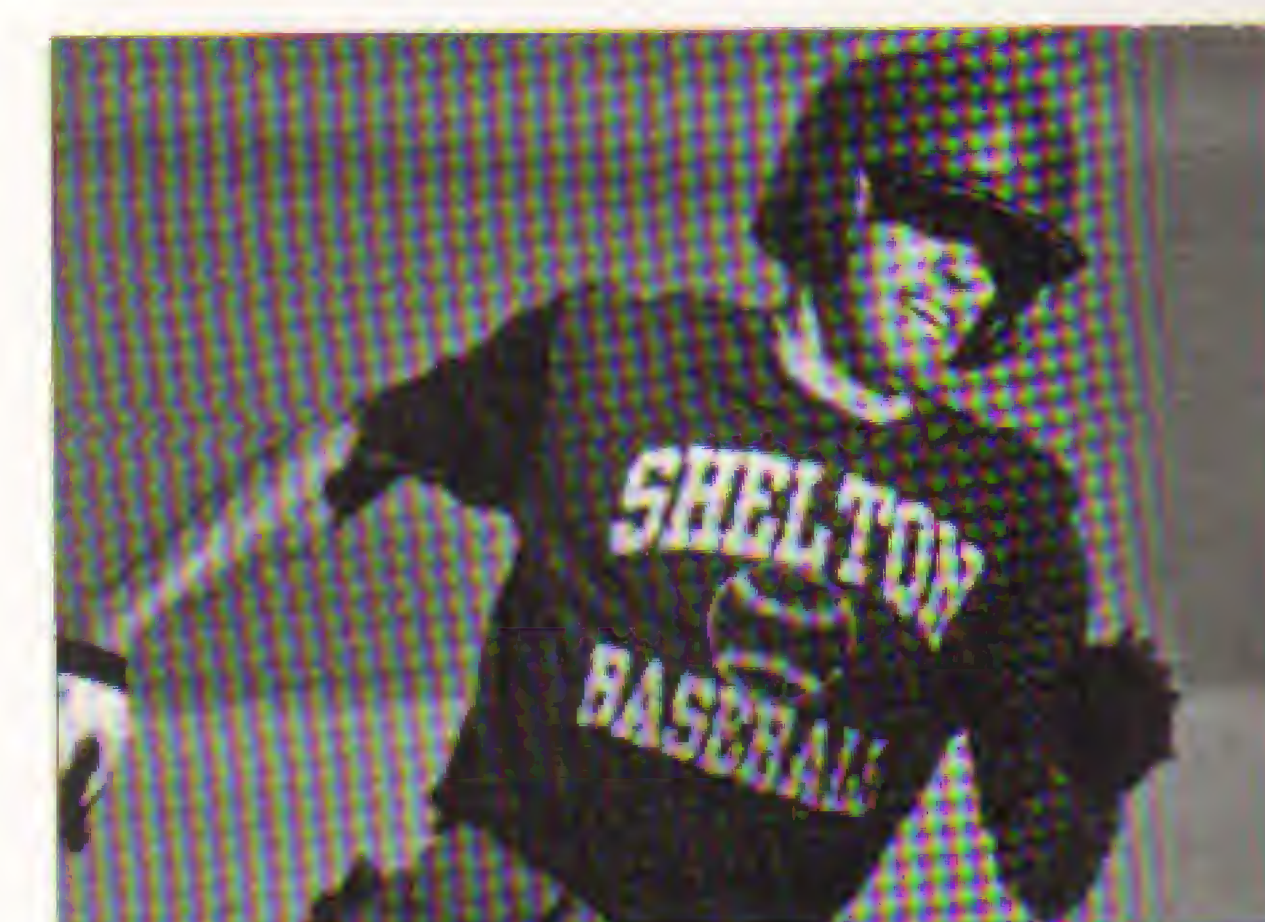
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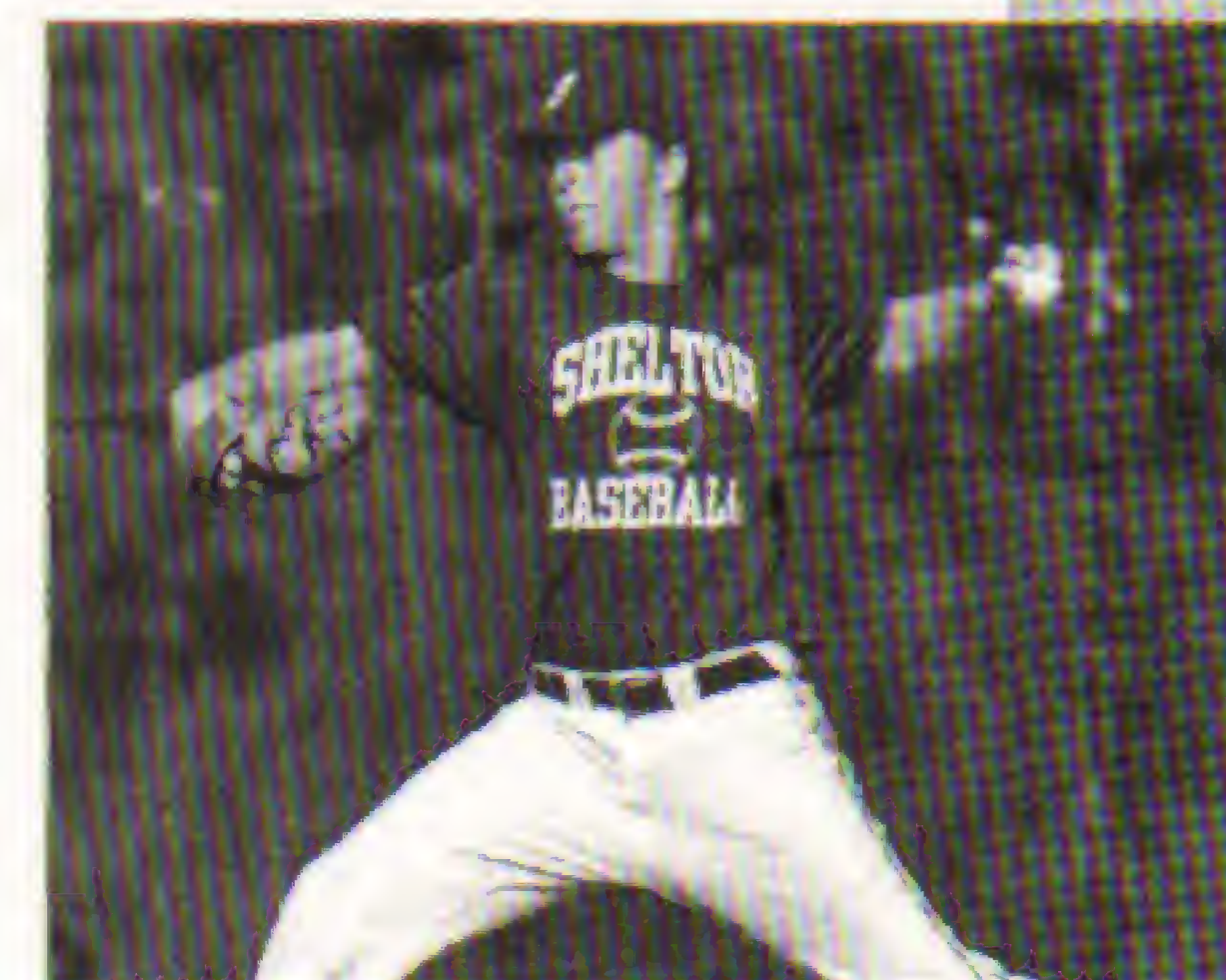
Hueytown High standout and sophomore Russ Tibbs looks to take over the second base position. Russ worked behind veteran Robert Israel last season. During the 2007 world series campaign, Tibbs took over second while Israel was out sick and had an excellent tournament. Newcomer and freshman Eric Deese will also contribute at second base.

At third base, Tyler Horne has emerged as a solid option at the position both offensively and defensively. Horne is a young man who had a great fall after a devastating injury. Last year he had an arm injury causing him to have Tommy John surgery, but he has come back strong and expect him to contribute. Also in the mix at third base is Spain Park standout, Justin Diliberto and Shelton State veteran player, Justin Hollis.



OUTFIELD

The outfield will be extremely deep with the return of starter Corbett Proctor in right field. Adding to the depth and to anchor the outfield in centerfield will be sophomore and Hillcrest High standout Cal Tinsley. Also adding to the experience will be sophomore Wallace Drury and Frank Mitchell. While the outfield is bolstered by the return of Proctor, Tinsley, Drury & Mitchell several



newcomers look to make a splash at the position including redshirt Greg Guy and freshman Justin Diliberto and Brandon Bearden.

STARTING PITCHING

As one of the top pitching staffs in the ACCC a year ago, the starting rotation appears to be as deep as last year. Shelton returns ace left-hander Jonathan Smart. He excelled during the 2007 season, posting 10 wins and a 1.76 ERA.

"Jonathan is obviously a fixture on this staff," Sprowl said. "He did a tremendous job for us on Fridays last year."

While the coaching staff struggles with the luxury of deciding which day to throw Smart, several arms will be looking to crack the weekend rotation.

Veteran sophomore pitcher and Alabama signee, Adam Scott is sure to contribute some where in the rotation. Also in the mix are sophomores Caleb McLeod, Greg Hendrix and redshirt Chris Frias.

BULLPEN

While there may be a few question marks in the starting rotation, the bullpen should provide the necessary depth and talent needed to propel the team to new heights.

Several sophomores will look to break into the rotation, including Dennis

Blevins, Taylor Brown, Daniel Hall, Justin Hollis and Frank Mitchell. Also available will be shortstop Justin Bussey and second baseman Russ Tibbs. Also adding to the depth will be freshmen Chris Anderson, Matt Wolfenbarger, Canon McDonald and Brett Whitaker.

CATCHER

The backstop position that was covered by Clay Booth and Douglas Frazier is now vacant. Clay Jones returns for his sophomore season and is expected to takeover the catcher's position. Jones will be accompanied by Alabama Crimson Tide transfer J.J. Baswell. Baswell is recovering from shoulder surgery and his status is day to day.

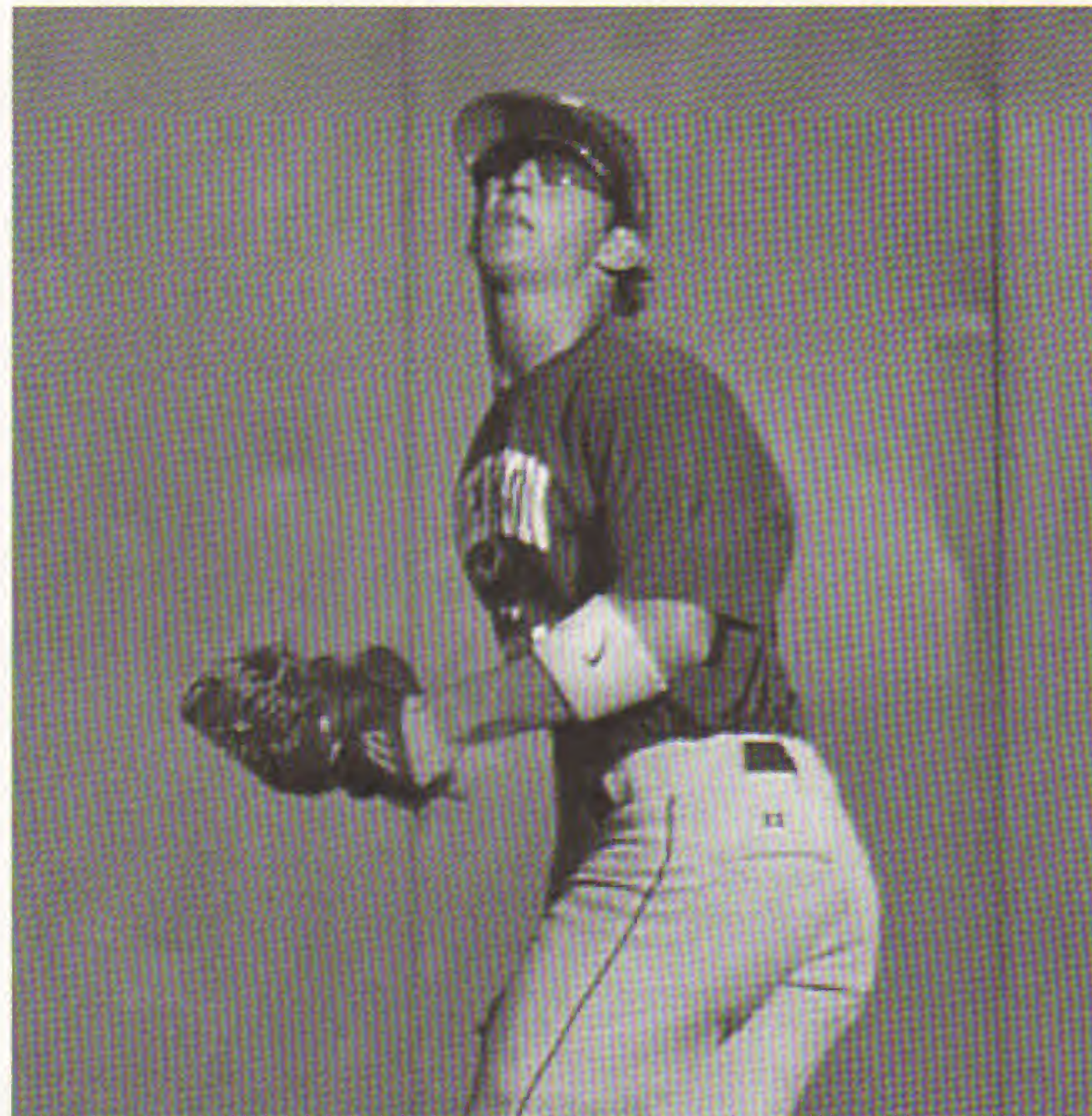
"J.J. Baswell is a guy who can really throw the baseball; he is a weapon behind the plate," Sprowl explained. "He is a left-handed bat with some power and we like the adjustments he made during the course of the fall, offensively and defensively. I really think J.J. is going to contribute a lot to this club."

Also in the mix are freshman Carl Hanson and Dylan DeGroff.

DEFENSE

While Shelton's offense will always receive a significant amount of attention due to Sprowl and Kimbrell's prowess as hitting instructors, the defense has continued to make significant strides as well.

The 2008 squad looks to build upon its past defensive success, and should be paced by several consistent defensive performers in Bussey, Tibbs, Proctor Burchfield, Jones and Tinsley. The team's arm strength, running ability and range should become a serious weapon in the field.



Sophomore Cal Tinsley returns to anchor the outfield during the 2008 season.

SCHEDULE

Shelton's schedule features a 30-game ACCC region slate which is always among the states toughest in addition to an abundance of mid-week games against in-state and out-of-state opponents.

After opening the season with a double header scheduled with Alabama Southern, Shelton starts a 3 week stint in Florida. They travel to Niceville, Panama City and Tallahassee, Florida. They play teams from all over the Southeast like SW Tennessee, Cleveland State, Okaloosa-Walton, Gulf Coast and Tallahassee Community College.

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An Unforgettable Ride

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Eighteen-year head coach Bobby Sprowl, however, was in the beginning stages of engineering a historic and unheard of turnaround in Shelton State baseball. What started in a dugout in Niceville, Florida culminated three months later at Northcutt Field in Dothan, Alabama, with a celebration of the school's first ever State Championship.

"Our team last year from day one played with so much heart and desire," Sprowl said. "They continued to find ways to win. It just shows you the players' commitment and how hard they work. It's unbelievable to think about how far this program



has come and I'm really proud of everyone that has been involved with this program and ballclub."

Sprowl, who was named the 2007 ACCC Coach of the Year, directed an explosive offense that allowed Shelton to succeed by breaking the school record for wins (46).

In addition to the impressive offensive fireworks, the team also got it done with strong pitching and smart defense. Then sophomore Robert Phares and Patrick Nappi, freshman Jonathan Smart, Adam

Scott and Caleb McLeod led the way on the mound.

Leading the offense was Centerfielder Marshall Young. Young led the team with a 0.422 batting average. Behind Young was Clay Jones (0.376). Russ Tibbs (0.351) and Michael Burchfield (0.337).

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TIME TO SHINE

Shelton State returned to Northcutt Field in Dothan, Alabama to enter a pivotal series that would personify the 2007 campaign.

Defending State Champion, Wallace-State Hanceville came to town to defend their title. Shelton opened their state title run against Faulkner State. The Bucs defeated Faulkner State in Game One, 13-3. The Bucs dominated Game One and advanced to play host team Wallace-State Dothan. This was surely to be a test, as Dothan had home field advantage and a huge fan base. Shelton pulled out the win 7-5 with a stellar pitching performance by Robert Phares. The second round matchup featured good pitching, good hitting and four lead changes.

Quarterfinal round and Chattahoochee Valley was the next step in Shelton's quest for their first state championship. Shelton cruised to

a 11-2 win. Once again, the Bucs got good pitching and timely hitting. Their victory was made even easier by three CVCC errors. This win made Shelton State the only undefeated team left in the tournament.

In the driver's seat of the tournament and a berth in the semi-final round, the Bucs would face Faulkner State again. Shelton defeated Faulkner State for a second time 6-5 advancing to the State Title game.

Going to the championship game of the ACCC State Tournament hasn't been much of a problem for Coach Bobby Sprowl, after all he's been there six times before. However, winning the championship has been the problem. Coach Sprowl is 0-6 in championship games. But Sprowl received his seventh shot. Shelton entered the finals to face Southern Union for the championship. Since the Bucs were the only undefeated team, SU would have to defeat the Bucs twice to win the title. Shelton shelled Southern Union

in the finale, 13-0, capping the first ever State Title for Shelton State.

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into the eighth inning to help save the Buccaneers' bullpen and capture the second win for the Bucs.

To advance to the next round of the JUCO World Series, the Bucs had to face Spartanburg again. Spartanburg topped Shelton for the second time, in much the same way they did the first time. It was deja vu all over again. The Pioneers, who defeated Shelton 15-7 in the first game, rallied from an early deficit against the Buccaneers again. This time, they did it without the help of Shelton State errors. Spartanburg did it with a bunch of hitting. Spartanburg eliminated

Shelton from the World Series 16-7.

After winning their first state championship in seven tries, the 2007 Bucs made a strong showing at the JUCO World Series. "We played hard all year and ended up being a No. 1 seed in the state tournament and won the tournament," said Sprowl. "It's always tough to get out of the state of Alabama to play."

The 2007 season was a stepping stone, playing in front of over 8,000 fans will help the Bucs in the future. The Bucs now have the drive and want to get back to Grand Junction again.

